

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Pennington, Stephen Roy

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Examiner: Wessendorf, Teresa D

For: Use of Mass Fingerprinting for Identification of Protein Affinity Ligands

Attorney Docket No.: 60,319-0010

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**ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 3, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse, Group I, claims 1-9, 17-21, 28-31 and 37-46 drawn to a method of identifying one or more affinity ligands.

All other claims are cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants further make a provisional election of species as follows:

- A. Real mass spectrometry.
- B. Step B(i) of claim 1.
- C. Mass spectrometry based characterization with sequence tag data.
- D. Immobilized support as nitrocellulose.
- E. Blocking solution as polyvinylpyrrolidine.

With respect to the eluting agent, only a single species is set forth in the claims.

If the Examiner has any questions, a call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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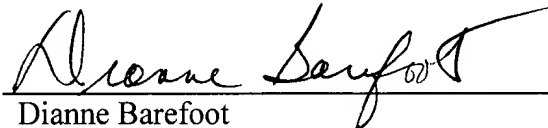
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